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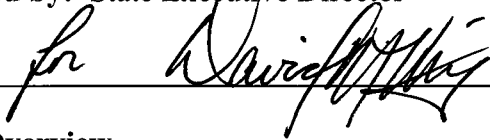
Farm Service Agency
700 W Capitol Avenue, Room 3416
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

AR Notice CRP-19

For: County Offices

Continuous CRP Practice CP31, Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Background

On December 1, 2003, the Secretary announced signup for a new bottomland hardwood tree practice under the continuous CRP. States were allocated specific amounts of acreage based on a pro-rata share of eligible acreage. Nationwide, up to 500,000 acres of floodplains could be enrolled in Practice CP31 as authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill.

National Notice CRP-462 provided specific acreage limits for enrollment in practice CP31 by State, in order to maintain the nationwide acreage limit of 500,000 acres. State offices are required to monitor acres offered to prevent enrollment from exceeding their allocation. Arkansas was allotted 20,000 acres for enrollment in Practice CP31.

Important: This is a separate 20,000 acre allocation from the Arkansas allotment for enrollment in CCRP Practice 31 as described in AR Notice CRP-18. Counties must continue to submit requests for approval of CP23 contracts to the STO before the CRP-1 can be approved. See AR Notice CRP-18 for reporting procedures for CP23.

B Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to provide County Offices with procedures for reporting Continuous CRP practice offers for CP31 to the State Office prior to approval by the COC. Exhibit 1 of this notice provides a format for reporting offers to enroll land in CP31.

Disposal

June 1, 2004

01-16-04

Distribution

All County Offices

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2 CP31 Policy Clarification

A Corrections for Notice CRP-462

National Notice CRP-462 describes policy for acreage eligibility, contract duration, payment rates, cost-shares, and incentives. The STO was notified during a National teleconference of the following corrections to policies described in Notice CRP-426.

- for acreage enrolled in CP31, County offices shall use continuous signup number 28, until October 1, 2004
- maintenance rate for practice CP31 is \$5.00 per acre
- planting must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of the CRP-1, unless the producer can provide acceptable documentation that seed or tree stock is not available.

B Incentives

Incentive payments are **NOT** authorized for CP31.

3 County Office Action Using Exhibit 1

A County Office Action

County Offices shall complete items in Exhibit 1 of this notice and fax the signed and dated form to the STO for CCRP practice CP31.

Include a copy of the CRP-1 for each CP31 offer to be approved when faxing Exhibit 1 to the STO. Do **NOT** approve offers until acres have been approved by the STO.

Retain a copy of the STO approved Exhibit 1 in the CRP file.

**ARKANSAS
REQUEST FOR APPROVING CCRP OFFERS FOR PRACTICE CP31**

_____ County FSA Committee

Producer	Farm Number	Tract Number	CRP Contract Length (yrs/months)	Acres	Total Acres

Attached is a copy of the CRP-1 for each participant to be approved.

County Executive Director/COC

Date

Approved by AR State Office

Date

